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Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Elko District is proposing to complete a restoration project aiding in the improvement of wildlife habitat and reducing hazardous fuels in the Spruce Mountain area in eastern Elko County (See attached map). The project area is in the Spruce Mountain Allotment, approximately 30 miles south of Wells, Nevada. The proposed project allows for up to 10,000 acres of treatments throughout the project area over a period of several years. The restoration goals for this project are:

- Promote healthy forest resources by removing stressed and diseased trees,
- Reduce hazardous fuels thereby reducing the threat of a large-scale wildfire,
- Restore and maintain wildlife habitat,
- Protect historic pinyon-juniper woodlands,
- Reduce the establishment and expansion of noxious weeds throughout the project area,
- Restore previous wildfire affected areas with desired vegetation,
- Protect treatment areas from livestock to allow establishment and treatment success on as needed.

This restoration project may entail several different treatment methods including but are not limited to the methods described below:

- Prescribed Burning – including broadcast burning and/or burning of constructed piles following a mechanical thinning.
- Mowing.
- Herbicide Application – Using herbicide to control cheatgrass and/or other annual invasive species.
- Seeding – Seeding disturbed areas and previously disturbed areas with desired species.
- Mechanical Thinning – including the use of Masticators and/or chainsaws.
- Chaining.

We are requesting your input regarding development and analysis of the proposed action and alternatives. To ensure your comments can be considered as BLM prepares an environmental analysis for this project, please respond by March 4th, 2010. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available. If you ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you have no comments but want to remain on the mailing list, or if you need additional information about the project, please call Matt Murphy, Project Lead, at (775) 753-0384. Thank you for your interest in the management of public lands in northeastern Nevada.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Map

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